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IN THE MATTER OF THE  
DIVISION OF ROLES,  
FUNCTIONS AND  
RESPONSIBILITIES OF  
THE COMMISSION ON  
ELECTIONS' CITIZENS'  
ARMS FOR THE MAY 13,  
2013 AUTOMATED  
NATIONAL, LOCAL AND  
ARMM ELECTIONS

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RESOLUTION NO. 9685

WHEREAS, the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) pursuant to Section 2(5) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines accredited four (4) citizens' arms for the May 13, 2013 Automated National, Local and ARMM Elections, namely: the Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting (PPCRV) on November 14, 2012; the National Citizens' Movement for Free Elections (NAMFREL) on December 21, 2012; the One Vote Movement (One Vote) on January 25, 2013; and the Citizen's Coalition for ARMM Electoral Reforms, Inc. (Citizens Care) on February 22, 2013;

WHEREAS, in view of the role of the citizens' arms in the upcoming elections, there is a need to delineate their roles, functions and responsibilities consistent with their accreditation;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission on Elections, by virtue of the powers vested in it by the Constitution, Omnibus Election Code, Republic Act Number 9369, and other election laws, **RESOLVED**, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, that the following shall be the division of roles, functions and responsibilities of



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the duly accredited citizens' arms of the COMELEC consistent with their accreditation:

**1. The Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting (PPCRV) shall:**

- a. Assist, the COMELEC and in cooperation with other duly accredited citizens' arms, conduct voters information and education;
- b. Conduct poll watching activities in various precincts;
- c. Provide assistance to the voters on election day most especially to the senior citizens, persons with disabilities, pregnant women, detainees, indigenous peoples and other members of the vulnerable sectors;
- d. Be entitled to conduct the source code review of the CCS and EMS and to conduct the PCOS source code review, if it becomes available, subject to the guidelines in COMELEC Resolution No. 9651;
- e. Be furnished with the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) copy of the Election Returns (ERs) in the election of senators and party-list system of representation and the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) copy of the ERs in the election of local officials and members of the House of representatives for Non-ARMM areas or the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) copy of the ERs for the election of local officials and members of the House of Representatives for ARMM areas printed by the PCOS machine prior to transmission for the conduct of an unofficial count;
- f. Be furnished with the twenty eighth (28<sup>th</sup>) copy of the ERs in the election of senators and party-list system of representation and the twenty ninth (29<sup>th</sup>) copy of the ERs in the election of local officials and members of the House of representatives for Non-ARMM areas or the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) copy of the ERs for the election of local officials and members of the House of Representatives for ARMM areas;
- g. Be furnished with the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) and the twenty eighth (28<sup>th</sup>) copies of the Certificate of Canvass (COCs) and Statement of Votes (SOVs) in case of the MBOC/CBOC; the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) copy of the COCs and SOVs in case of the RBOC for the ARMM and the third copy (3<sup>rd</sup>) copy of the COCs and SOVs in case of PBOC or CBOC of cities comprising one or more legislative districts, and DBOC;



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- h. Be allowed to observe the conduct of the random manual audit as official observers and be furnished with the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) copy of the audit returns pursuant to COMELEC Resolution No. 9595;
- i. Be furnished with the audit logs and/or audit trails of the PCOS Machines for the effective discharge of its poll watching activities. For this purpose, the Election Records and Statistics Department (ERSD), upon receipt of the CF cards submitted by the Election Officers, shall provide the PPCRV with soft copies of the audit logs taken from the main CF cards of each PCOS used on election day;
- j. Be allowed to have a work station directly connected to the transparency server for access to firsthand vote count/transmission, and other automated election system (AES) related provisions to assist petitioner in its poll watching activities and the conduct of its unofficial parallel count subject to the guidelines in COMELEC Resolution No. 9677;
- k. Be allowed to witness the examination and testing of the equipment or device to be used in the voting and counting subject to COMELEC Resolution No. 9640;
- l. Be furnished with, subject to regulations as may be imposed by the COMELEC, the electronic copies of the following: (a) the Computerized Voters' List; (b) the Project Precincts for the effective discharge of its responsibilities; (c) permanent list of voters per precinct in each city and/or municipality consisting of all registered voters residing within the territorial jurisdiction of every precinct indicated by the precinct maps; and (d) list of deactivated, reactivated and/or cancelled voters.

**2. The National Citizens' Movement for Free Elections (NAMFREL) may:**

- a. Assist the COMELEC, the PPCRV and the other duly accredited citizens' arms in voters information and education and shall coordinate with the COMELEC, the PPCRV, and the other duly accredited citizens' arms in the conduct of the same;
- b. Assist the COMELEC in campaign finance monitoring subject to regulations as may be imposed by the Commission;
- c. Be allowed to observe the conduct of the random manual audit as official observers;



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- d. Conduct poll watching activities in various precincts in coordination and cooperation with other duly authorized citizens' arms;
- e. Provide assistance to the voters on election day most especially to the senior citizens, persons with disabilities, pregnant women, detainees, indigenous peoples and other members of the vulnerable sectors in coordination and cooperation with other duly authorized citizens' arms;
- f. Be furnished with the twenty seventh (27<sup>th</sup>) copy of the ERs for the election of senators and party-list system of representation, and the twenty eighth (28<sup>th</sup>) copy of the ERs for the election of local officials and the members of the House of Representatives for Non-ARMM areas or the twenty ninth (29<sup>th</sup>) copy of the ERs for the election of local officials and the members of the House of Representatives for ARMM areas;
- g. Be furnished with the twenty seventh copy (27<sup>th</sup>) of the Certificate of Canvass (COCs) and Statement of Votes (SOVs) in case of the MBOC/CBOC and the twelfth copy (12<sup>th</sup>) copy of the COCs and SOVs in case of PBOC or CBOC of cities comprising one or more legislative districts, and DBOC;
- h. Be furnished with the audit logs and/or audit trails of the PCOS Machines for the effective discharge of its poll watching activities. For this purpose, the Election Records and Statistics Department (ERSD), upon receipt of the CF cards submitted by the Election officers, shall provide the NAMFREL with soft copies of the audit logs taken from the main CF cards of each PCOS used on election day;
- i. Be allowed to have a work station connected to the mirror server for access to vote count/transmission, and other automated election system (AES) related provisions to assist petitioner in its poll watching activities subject to the guidelines in COMELEC Resolution No. 9677;
- j. Assist the COMELEC in monitoring the deployment of election equipment and paraphernalia only at the point of destination subject to regulations as may be imposed by the Commission;
- k. Be allowed to witness the examination and testing of the equipment or device to be used in the voting and counting subject to COMELEC Resolution No. 9640;



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- i. Be furnished with, subject to regulations as may be imposed by the COMELEC, the electronic copies of the following: (a) the Computerized Voters' List; (b) the Project Precincts for the effective discharge of its responsibilities; (c) permanent list of voters per precinct in each city and/or municipality consisting of all registered voters residing within the territorial jurisdiction of every precinct indicated by the precinct maps; and (d) list of deactivated, reactivated and/or cancelled voters;

**3. One Vote Movement (One Vote) may:**

- a. Assist the COMELEC, the PPCRV and the other duly accredited citizens' arms in voters information and education and shall coordinate with the COMELEC, the PPCRV, and the other duly accredited citizens' arms in the conduct of the same;
- b. Conduct poll watching activities in various precincts in coordination and cooperation with other duly accredited citizens' arms;
- c. Provide assistance to the voters on election day most especially to the senior citizens, persons with disabilities, pregnant women, detainees, indigenous peoples and other members of the vulnerable sectors in coordination and cooperation with other duly authorized citizens' arms;
- d. Be furnished with the twenty ninth (29<sup>th</sup>) copy of the ERs for the election of senators and party-list system of representation, and the thirtieth 30<sup>th</sup> copy of the ERs for the election of local officials and the members of the House of Representatives in non-ARMM areas;
- e. Be furnished with the twenty ninth (29<sup>th</sup>) copy of the Certificate of Canvass (COCs) and Statement of Votes (SOVs) in case of the MBOC/CBOC;
- f. Be allowed to witness the examination and testing of the equipment or device to be used in the voting and counting subject to COMELEC Resolution No. 9640;
- g. Be furnished with, subject to regulations as may be imposed by the COMELEC, the electronic copies of the following: (a) the Computerized Voters' List; (b) the Project Precincts for the effective discharge of its responsibilities; (c) permanent list of voters per precinct in each city and/or municipality consisting of all registered voters residing within the territorial jurisdiction of every precinct



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indicated by the precinct maps; and (d) list of deactivated, reactivated and/or cancelled voters.

**4. Citizen's Coalition for ARMM Electoral Reforms, Inc. (Citizens Care) may:**

- a. Assist the COMELEC, the PPCRV and the other duly accredited citizens' arms in voters information and education and shall coordinate with the COMELEC, the PPCRV, and the other duly accredited citizens' arms in the conduct of the same in the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (ARMM), particularly in the provinces of Maguindanao, Lanao del Sur, Basilan, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi, and the cities of Marawi, Zamboanga, Isabela and Cotabato;
- b. Conduct poll watching activities, including assistance to voters particularly in the above-mentioned areas in coordination and cooperation with other duly accredited citizens' arms;
- h. Be furnished with the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) copy of the ERs for the election of senators and party-list system of representation; and
- i. Be furnished with the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) copy of the Certificate of Canvass (COCs) and Statement of Votes (SOVs) in case of the MBOC/CBOC;

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the COMELEC shall designate a point person who shall directly coordinate to the designated point persons of the duly accredited citizens' arms on election day for easy coordination and communication;

The Executive Director of the Commission in coordination with the Clerk of the Commission shall implement this Resolution immediately upon its promulgation, furnishing copies thereof to all duly accredited citizens' arms, the field officers nationwide including the candidates and the political parties or coalition of political parties.

The Education and Information Department shall cause the publication of this Resolution in two (2) daily newspapers of general circulation.

**SO ORDERED.**

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